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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION commending the Hamlet of Wallkill on hosting its Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebrating 30 years of bringing the community together

WHEREAS, St. Patrick's Day is a time to celebrate the rich heritage of the Irish people, unlimited in their contribution to this State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, A St. Patrick's Day Parade reflects and records the ongoing history of the United States and Ireland and provides an opportunity for people of all generations to assemble in ethnic pride and pageantry; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to commend the Hamlet of Wallkill on hosting its Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebrating 30 years of bringing the community together, to be held on Sunday, March 22, 2015; and

WHEREAS, The St. Patrick's Day Parade celebrates the spirit, purity and strength of the Irish culture and its fine traditions; and

WHEREAS, The Hamlet of Wallkill held "The Best Small Town Parade in the Hudson Valley" in 1985; led by the color guard, the participants in the parade walked around town playing kazoos; and

WHEREAS, The original St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee was comprised of 11 members, including Peter Riggins, Doc Edsall, Paul Vegliando, Charlie Eggelton, Elaine Eggelton, Lis Cook, Alta Auchmoody, Nick Vegliando, Robert Garrison, Rich Barnhart, and Edwina Overton; and

WHEREAS, Today, the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee continues to actively raise funds to benefit the bands that march in the parade; the proceeds are also used to purchase candy for the children to enjoy while watching the parade; and

WHEREAS, Through this heartfelt and compassionate expression, as well as through their sustained commitment to the cultural vitality of their

Irish heritage, the Irish-American people of the Hamlet of Wallkill, and the State of New York bear witness to the deep faith and love of humanity which is their rich tradition; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Hamlet of Wallkill on hosting its Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and celebrating 30 years of bringing the community together; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Hamlet of Wallkill St. Patrick's Parade Committee.